

## ***THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY***

**April 2011 – Week 4**

**Air Date: April 24 – April 30 (Sunday – Saturday)**



### **TITLE: TOWN HALL GONE BAD**

APRIL 1905 AND A LIQUOR FIGHT CLAIMS A CONGRESSMAN.

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY, BROUGHT TO YOU BY THIS STATION AND THE SAVE TEXAS HISTORY PROGRAM OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE.

APRIL 24, 1905. HEMPSTEAD. AFTER PASSING A LAW TO BAN ALCOHOL, LOCAL LEADERS MEET TO BEG THE GOVERNOR FOR A TEXAS RANGER TO ENFORCE IT. POPULAR PROHIBITIONIST CONGRESSMAN JOHN M. PINCKNEY, AND MORE THAN 100 CITIZENS, PACK THE COUNTY COURTROOM.

SOON, TEMPERS FLARE. A FIGHT BREAKS OUT... SOMEBODY SHOOTS. IN A BLAZE OF GUNFIRE, FOUR MEN LIE DEAD, INCLUDING THE CONGRESSMAN. SHOT FOUR TIMES, HE WAS UNARMED.

THE SHOOTOUT SHOCKS THE NATION. HEMPSTEAD EARNS THE UNFORTUNATE NAME "SIX-SHOOTER JUNCTION".

A TOWN HALL MEETING TURNED BLOODY IN HEMPSTEAD, 106 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY.

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